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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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: Group Art Unit: 2672
Application No.: 09/176,274)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY. : May 31, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application

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